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Dear Bishop Reilly:

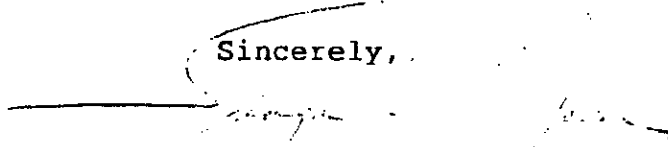
Secretary Christopher has asked me to respond to your letter of July 21 concerning the tragic situation in Rwanda.

As you have doubtless learned since you wrote your thoughtful letter, the United States has been working around the clock to deliver humanitarian assistance to those affected by the Rwanda crisis. This assistance has helped to reduce the suffering of the Rwandan people and is continuing.

We believe that United Nations peacekeepers are best suited to the role of ensuring the safety of returning refugees. Consequently, we are working with the United Nations to expedite the deployment of the peacekeeping force to provide necessary security. We are in communication with several actual and potential African contributors, and we are supplying equipment and transporting personnel and materiel for the United Nations. We are emphasizing constantly to the new Rwandan Government the need to create an environment that will enable the refugees to return to their homes in safety.

Secretary Christopher asked me to thank you for sending him the recommendations of your International Policy Committee.

Sincerely,


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